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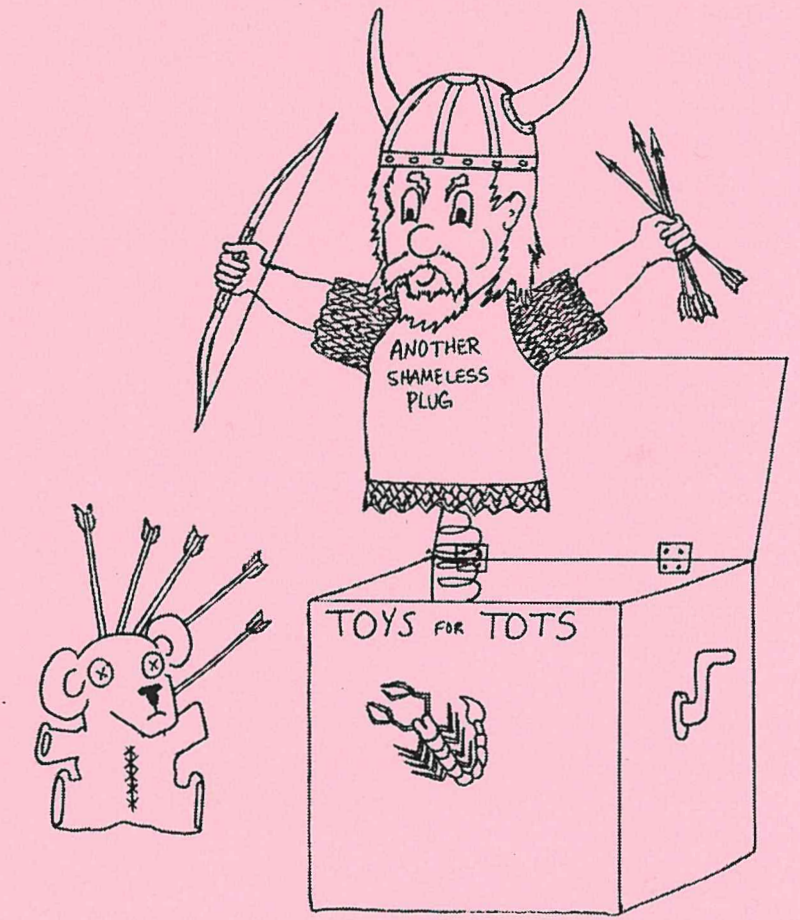

OH NO! The Vikings have taken over Toys for Tots...

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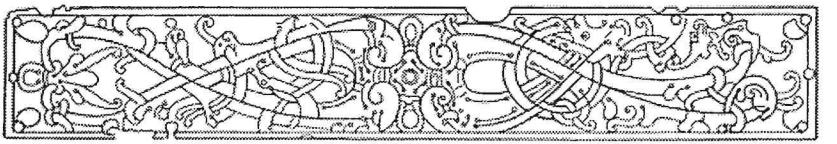

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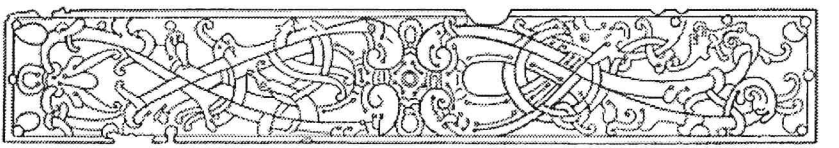
NOVEMBER

1	AL-BARRAN COURT DANCING & MUSICIAN'S COLLEGIUM AND BALL
8-9	OUTLANDS CORONATION *Fontaine dans Sable*
15	CITADEL BARONIAL POLLING AND A&S COLLEGIUM *Citadel of the Southern Pass*
23	AL-BARRAN'S TOYS FOR TOTS
30	FONTAINE TOYS FOR TOTS *Fontaine dans Sable*

DECEMBER

6	HUNTER'S FEAST *Windkeep*
13-14	AL-BARRAN MIDWINTER & WAR PRACTICE
19	CAERTHEN YULE *Caerthe*

** *Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies*



From the Baron and Baroness

Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran, send greetings to all who hear these words.

We congratulate Their Royal Highnesses, Sir Hoegaarden and Lady Chiara, as the next heirs to the Crown of the Outlands. Please join us for Their Coronation to be held in Fontaine dans Sable on November 8th. We congratulate our new cousins, Don Massimiliano and Lady Yazida, in their elevation as the founding Baron and Baroness of Caer Galen. We look forward to visiting with them at Coronation. Fontaine dans Sable will be elevated to baronial status on Saturday, November 8th at Coronation. Please come to the investiture of THL Duncan and THL Mary. Fontaine dans Sable has been a great friend to al-Barran over the years. Let us be there to support them and celebrate in their glory.

We do thank Lord Gauvain for his many fine efforts organizing Baronial Champions in September. It was wonderfully well attended and full of fun activities and tournaments. We thank all those good gentles who worked so hard to make the event a success. We were most impressed with Lord Christopher Blackwood and his household for hosting a fantastic tavern at Baronial Champions. There was plenty of good food and wagering to be had. The tournaments were full of valor and chivalrous deeds. The bardic Saturday night was the most well attended in years. Congratulations to all the new Champions of al-Barran.

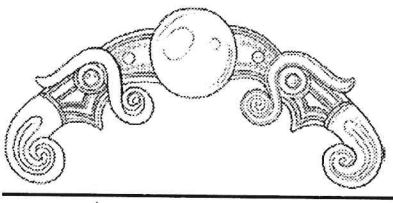
Our first weekend at the new fighter practice park was great. Many good gentles turned out for a fine day in the SHADE. For those of you who went to Jeanne Bellamah park and found nobody there, we are now meeting at Bataan Park on Lomas and Carlisle on Sundays. War practice is under way! We will be having melees every week from now until War.

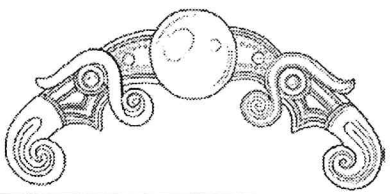
Please join us Saturday, November 1st for al-Barran's Court Dancing and Musicians Collegium and Ball. We are looking forward to dancing with each and everyone of you.

There are already groups forming to share in the work of Midwinter costuming. Do you know what you are going to wear yet? Look further in the Shaft for meeting dates and times.

Safe journeys!

Sir Trevor *Fermina*





From the Hospitaller

Greetings,

Camping Season is over for the year and Feast Season is here. If you need any loaner garb please contact Lady Diana at 294-8332 at least a week in advance. Esperanza was a very successful event and we got a few newcomers interested. Toys for Tots is November 23rd, so come out and join in the fun.

Remember everyone is a hospitaller.

Yours in service,
Lady Isabella al-Harith

From the Waterbearer

Greetings to all,

Camping Season has ended and we are making ready for WAR!! Starting November 2nd I will be conducting waterbearing training classes, they will be held at fighter practice (Bataan Park(at 12 noon to 1-ish on Sundays. We will be covering basic waterbearing as well as basic first aide. So whether you have lugged water at events before or just would like to meet new people, come join us.

Yours in service,
Lady Bronwen Blackwell

From the Mistress of the Lists

Greetings unto the Populace!!!

This year our wonderful Sir Dennis, here in al-Barran, will *again* be offering the matchless chance for YOU to become a Heavy non-combat marshal at large for WAR! Not only that, but Don Charles our Kingdom's newest white scarf (this is written on 10/29/03), has agreed to teach the fencing portion of this class!!! This year you can get qualified to do BOTH!!!!!!!

Do you crave to work for your kingdom at WAR!? Do you want to help your barony, or kingdom with WAR! and volunteer points? Have you been to War! and not known what exactly to do? Do you want to help field as many fighters as possible? Do you want to hone up on your marshaling skills? Do you want the best view at WAR! other than fighting? This is your chance! This is the class for you! The classes in al-Barran will be held every fighter practice Sunday in Bataan Park at approximately 11:00 am till WAR!. Except during Kingdom event weekends.

Please share this information with your friends.

Lady Danica Nemanjaviaea

From the Chronicler

Greetings,

Due to technical difficulties the October 2003 issue of the Baronial Shaft was never published. To make up for the error all paid subscriptions will be adjusted forward by one month. What this means is that if your subscription expired say on January 1, 2004 the adjustment will change it to February 1, 2004. I know for many members of our populace that are use to paying at a certain time of the year or at a certain event this will throw you off; I am sorry for any inconvenience this will cause all subscribers. Of course you can still keep your usual renewal time and just be paying a month early, I am always willing to accept subscription payments.

Look for Estrella War Arts and Science information later in this issue, also check out the Waterbearer's letter and Mistress of the Lists letter for information about waterbearing and marshalling classes happening at fighter practices in the next few months. For Midwinter check out the costuming article after the midwinter event article, and also for this month check out two-count them-two Pony World cartoons. I hope to see everybody out at Toys for Tots with all the toys that they could collect from co-workers and themselves. And how about that toy-making competition at Toys for Tots, also.

In January look for the new edition of the al-Barran phone directory to be going out. Hopefully everyone listed will be contacted about changes to their entries by the end of November.

In service,

Lady Kathws

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Outlands' website: http://www.outlands.org
SCA's website: http://www.sca.org

From the Arts & Sciences Minister

Greetings,

First I want to apologize to Lord Tancred, I forgot in my last report to tell everyone that he was the new Bard of al-Barran. In September, Her Excellency Lady Fermina gave an impromptu willow basket class at the fighter practice park that was well attended between hacks and stabbings. Some of our populace entered Arts and Science projects into the NM State Fair this year. Lady Emir received a best in show for the first day fashion show with her Elizabethan dress, a best in show in jewelry for her metal circlet and a first place in Embroidery, Any Article for her embroidered leather gloves. Lady Rosamond de Preston got her usual 2nd place in Bobbin Lace, Accessories for her Bucks point finger hankie. Lady Leonore of Black Diamond had the following results: A doll, making a bow-drill fire, got best of show. A scribe doll with quill and parchment got 1st place. Some handfelted shoes (using an 11th C. pattern) got 1st place. The calligae (Roman Army Sandals) got a 2nd place. A baby hat made for Pearl got second place. A hand carved wooden pendant got a third place. She also entered a baby quilt, a bronze handled steel striker (for fire-making), and a quilted vest. Congratulations, if I left anyone wants their State Fair results published email them to me.

The competitions at Esperanza were well attended. I am very glad I didn't have to judge them it would have been to difficult to choose. The entries in the favor competition were all glorious and will inspire their wearers to many victories, Lady Bronwen Blackwell took the prize for her lace white scarf with beaded broach. There was also a last minute culinary competition the entries were delicious and the prizes went as thus: Most Period- Mistress Caelte for "Tartin Ymber Days", Populace Choice-Lady Danica for Date Balls, Baroness' Choice-Mistress Monika for Plum Kuchen, Honorable Mention-Lady Isabella al Harith for Pumpkin Bread. Mistress Monika wanted me to mention specifically that this was Lady Isabella's first competition and that her entry was the first to disappear off the table victim to voracious appetites. Keep up the good work Isabella.

Known World Costume Symposium was a blast, I learned so much. We are trying to coordinate with the teachers that hail from al-Barran to redo their classes for everyone that didn't get to go. We are shooting for November, so keep an eye on the list for details. I am also trying to find out if any of the preceding books are still available and where they can be obtained.

I want to encourage everyone to make toys for the toy makers' competition at Toys for Tots. They will not go toward our count but at the makers discretion be used as prizes for the children's activities at the event. I also want to encourage everyone to buy toys for Toys for Tots. Nice ones too, I know some of the children that benefit from this and I want everyone to know that each child only gets one toy. So if you bring 72 separate Matchbox cars then 72 children will only get one Matchbox car, please consider this when you make your toy selections.

Coming up in the Arts:
West Side Project schedule:
Khan's Feast part 1 and 2 will be rescheduled after Midwinter - learn how to plan, research and prep a period feast

November 13: Historical Food Preservation and Modern Equivalents
Nov. 27: Seamless Felt Exploration

Sewing Circle Schedule THL Asha 764-8131
Nov 9th, Nov 16th, Dec 7th And a Thursday last minute will I ever get the hem finished Dec 18th

Armor workshops with Master Tore
Thursdays from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm call Tore at 281-5694 for details. November will be making Knees and Elbows.

al-Barran Court Dancing and Musicians Collegium and Ball on Nov 1st
Citadel A&S collegium on Nov 15th (Citadel of the Southern Pass)
al-Barran Toys for Tots Nov on 23rd will have the Toy making competition

If you have regular open events or are having a special workshop and want it listed in the "coming up" portion email the details to me.

Lady Aisha

Estrella War Arts and Sciences Competition

Unto the artisans of the Known World be it known that the three (3) categories for the Estrella War 2004 Arts and Sciences Competition are:

Middle Eastern Costume (excluding jewelry and accessories)
defined as any single garment, excluding jewelry and accessories, that is constructed using period techniques, materials, patterns and design that is correct to the regions of the Near and Middle East and Central Asia during our time period of study (Pre-17th century)

Crowns and Coronets
defined as a single device to signify rank within the scope of our time period of study (Pre-17th century). Any medium that is appropriate to the period is acceptable.

Bookbinding
defined as a single object that shows the skills of binding a book together during the scope of our time period of study (Pre-17th century). Any medium that is appropriate to the period is acceptable.

So that this experience can be productive and beneficial for all please accept this article as a guide to your Estrella War Competition.

SCHEDULE
The Estrella War Arts and Sciences Competition shall be held on Saturday, February 14, 2004.
set up 7am
Registration from 8am-10:45am
Morning populace viewing from 9:45am-10:45am
Judges must check in by 10:30am

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Judging starts at 11:00 am
Judging ends 5pm
Afternoon populace viewing from 5-pm -5:30pm
5:30-6pm entrants pick up works of art

Full information for the Arts and Sciences Competition can be found at http://estrellawar.org/treaty.html

Some Considerations
Q: May I bring another person's works and if so what should I know?
a: Yes, you may bring someone else's entries. You will need to have their full mundane and SCA name, mundane address, contact information and what Kingdom are they declaring for. Also, it is a great idea to discuss how they want their display set up. The registration staff will NOT set up displays.

Q: Specific needs of each category in display or entering? (answers broken into the categories)

Middle Eastern Costume:
-If you bring a mannequin bring a floor covering of some kind.
-jewelry and accessories are not included
-When indicating which is your item give a specific definition so the judges are sure to know it is your item
-We will have slips of paper (with your number) for you to attach to your garment....use them.

Crowns and Coronets:
**You will be given a ticket when you bring your item in for this category.... you will need this ticket to redeem your item at the end of the day.

-A tag with your number will need to be attached to the item
-All safety measurers are being taken to insure the safety of your item. They include plans for:
-A showcase to house the Crowns
-Private Guards (thank you to the House Sleeping Dragon (AKA the Brute Squad)
-Only the judges will be allowed to touch the Crowns
-I will have a radio and code word to alert Gate
-Judges will be wearing gloves.

Bookbinding :
-a table cloth to cover your area of the table
-Judges will be wearing gloves.
-A magnifying glass is suggested.

Registration Process
Registration from 8:00 am-10:45 am
1st Table: Forms: You will be given your Registration forms and Entry number.
2nd Table : Turn in your forms you will be given your judging sheets (each judging sheets is color specific to the category) and you will be shown where you may set up.

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We will have attendants specific to each category to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

Populace Viewing
Morning populace viewing is from 9:45 am-10:45 am
Afternoon populace viewing is from 5:00-pm -5:30 pm

-You may not touch any item or any paperwork (including documentation)
-We will have a table that contains extra documentation (if the entrants have participated) that you may look at (documentation is to be kept in this area)
-The attendants will remind the populace that viewing is not a touching experience. They are protecting the works and have the authority to ask someone to leave if violations persist.

Judging sheets
-All entrants will receive four (4) judging sheets (one per principal Kingdom)
-Judging sheets will be placed with item between 5:30-6pm when entrants may pick up works of art.
-Do not take your work without collecting your judging sheets.

Questions: Any and all questions are welcome.

Yours in Service
Lady Eden Blacksmith
Estrella War XX Arts and Sciences Competition Autocrat

"Nothing is not Period...it just needs more documentation"
Email: Laurel_Anderson@msn.com

Baronial Champions Thank You

Unto the populace of al-Barran do Lord Gauvain Eisenbein and Lady Bronwen Blackwell, Autocrat and Deputy for Champions of al-Barran, send greetings. As the new Baronial Champions take their posts, it is time to reflect on the event and offer much deserved thanks to the many people who made the event possible.

So, in no particular order, a hearty "Thank You!" is owed to:
Rowdy for stepping up as a Town Crier, Lord Charles Roberts for running light weapons and heralding as needed, Sir Bohemond for helping with marshalling and general advice, Uasal OEngus for running archery, Gospodin Vladimir Igorivich for running the heavy melees and doing late night cooking on short notice, THL Alia for helping with said cooking on even shorter notice, Lady Skameika for helping with shopping and moral support, Lady Brynn and Lord Emerys for helping with setup, Lord Tancred for heralding and general helpfulness, Lord Thomas for running Saturday's Bardic, Lillianna for waterbearing and sticking around late to help with cleanup, Lady Kira for waterbearing, Lady Danica and Lady Emer for running list through the weekend, Lady Isabella for running gate and Shaft subscriptions, Lord Gilbert for creating and running the rapier chess tourney, Lord Rudger for

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Three Bullocks and a Lion

A Lion had been watching three bullocks feeding in an open field. He had tried to attack them several times, but they had kept together, and helped each other drive him off. The Lion had little hope of eating them, for he was no match for three strong Bullocks with their sharp horns and hoofs. But he could not keep away from that field, for it is hard to resist watching a good meal, even when there is little chance of getting it

Then one day the Bullocks had a quarrel, and when the hungry Lion came to look at them and lick his chops as he was accustomed to do, he found them in separate corners of the field, as far away from one another as they could get.

It was an easy matter for the Lion to attack them one at a time, and this he proceeded to do with the greatest satisfaction and relish....

Remember, in unity there is strength!

November Dates

November 1 All Souls Day
November 5 Guy Fawkes Day
November 9 Full Moon
November ?? St Martin's Day
November 27 Thanksgiving

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Sunday	Monday	Tue
Regular Activities listings More information on the regular activities is located on page 18 & 19. Also check the A&S letter on page 8 & 9 for the others.		
2 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	3 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proje
9 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Sewing Circle *Coronation*	10 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proje
16 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing -Sewing Circle	17 Gammer Gurton's Needle	C M Proje
23 -Fighter & Rapier Practice *Toys for Tots*	24 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proje

November Medieval Dates

November 4, 1520: Christian II Crowned King of Sweden
Already king of Denmark and Norway, Christian conquered Sweden as well. But the subsequent massacre of his opponents led to a Swedish war of liberation, which was achieved a mere three years later

November 7, 1515: The Battle of Marignano
This French victory over Swiss mercenaries returned Milan to the French and resulted in a peace treaty between France and the Swiss Confederation.

November 10, 1444: The Battle of Varna
The Turkish victory over a Hungarian force ended the efforts of European powers to save

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sday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Archery & Equestrian Practices
4 Blaiddwyn ct Conclave	5	6 -Master Tore's armour wkshp -A&S Knowledge Exchange & Wkshp	7	8 *Coronation*
11 Blaiddwyn ct Conclave	12 -Heraldry Mtg	13 -Master Tore's armour wkshp	14	15 Archery & Equestrian Practices *St Martin's* *Tournament*
18 ITIZEN'S MEETING Blaiddwyn ct Conclave	19	20 -Master Tore's armour wkshp -A&S Knowledge Exchange & Wkshp	21 Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Work- shop	22
25 Blaiddwyn ct Conclave	26 -Heraldry Mtg	27 *THANKSGIVING*	28	29 Equestrian Practices

Constantinople from Turkish conquest.

November 14, 1216: Alexander Nevsky Dies

Prince of Novgorod and Kiev and Grand Prince of Vladimir, Nevsky (also spelled Aleksandr Nevski) is best known for stopping the advance of the Teutonic Knights into Russia.

November 20. 1272: Barons Swear Fealty to Edward I

Upon the death of his father, King Henry III, Edward received the fealty of the English barons and succeeded to the throne.

November 27, 1095: Urban II Calls for the Crusade

Urban made his famous speech at the Council of Clermont, launching the First Crusade

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help with setup and providing fire pit and propane for the Bardic, Sir Kragon and Mistress Sara for the gracious use of their land, THL Gonner and Lyneya for staying late to help with cleanup, and Joseph for staying *VERY* late to help make sure the site was clean and everything made it back to the Keep.

And thank you as well to all those who we have not mentioned by name who stepped up to help whenever they saw a need - it is this spirit of service that makes the SCA work. Finally, a loud and resounding "Huzzah!" to Lord Christopher Blackwood and the House of the Golden Oak, for running a wonderful tavern that was exactly what we had in mind.

Fun was had, songs were sung, acts of valor and chivalry were seen on the field of combat, nobody was seriously injured, and nothing caught fire - all-in-all, a successful event. It has been a pleasure to serve the populace of al-Barran and we look forward to future endeavors.

In parting, let us raise a final toast to the Baron and Baroness of al-Barran - may they continue to encourage and inspire us in the Dream.

Lord Gauvain Eisenbein *Lady Bronwen Blackwell*

Outland's Coronation
& Fontaine dans Sable's Investiture

The Shire/ Barony of Fontaine dans Sable
November 8-9, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Best Western Inn and Suites,
700 Scott Ave, Farmington, NM 87401
Site opens: 8:00 AM on November 8th;
closes 12PM on November 9th
Site Fee: full information is below
Check payable to SCA, Inc.-Fontaine dans Sable

Fontaine dans Sable is pleased to host the Coronation of Prince Kerold Hoegaarden and Princess Chiara della Luna. We are also happy to announce that this event will mark our advancement from Shire to Barony and we will be celebrating the Investiture of THL Duncan Alastair MacRae and THL Mary of Lyonshall as our Founding Baron and Baroness. A feast with your choice of Baron's Beef, Chicken cordon bleu, or a vegetarian dinner, as well as a child's plate (chicken nuggets) will be held Saturday night in Celebration of the events of the day. To help with the November chill there will be a cash bar available at the feast.

The fighting venue will be at Burg Park just a block away. On Sunday November 9th there will be a War Practice for both Heavy and Light weapons at the same park. An Archery tournament will be hosted by THL Ian Lindsey MacRae and Lady Evaine MacRae, at our Archery range. Directions to the Archery range will be available at the troll table.

Please come join us at the Best Western Inn and Suites for this historical

event. We have arranged for rooms to be blocked at the Best Western at a great price of 59.99 per night up to 4 people. We need 15 rooms reserved as part of the agreement. To make reservation please call:
Best Western Inn and Suites, 700 Scott Ave, Farmington, NM 87401
505-327-5221
You need to tell the desk you are with the SCA for the correct rate.

Site Fee will be $10.00 and Feast is $10.00. Half price site and child's plate for children 6 to 12 is available. Site fee is free for children 5 and under but we must charge the $5.00 if they want their own childs plate. Of course the $3.00 non member fee will apply. Checks made out to SCA, Inc. – Fontaine dans Sable. Please contact the Autocrat for feast reservations.

Directions to Site: *From the North:* Take your best route to Farmington NM. NM 516 becomes Main Street. Take Main to San Juan Blvd. Turn Left on San Juan Blvd. The 2nd Light will be Scott Ave. Take a left on Scott Ave at the next intersection the Best Western will be on your Left.

From the South: Take your best route to Farmington NM. Stay on US 64. It will branch to your right at Murry Ave. Take the right branch and stay on US 64. After crossing the Animas River you will see the Best Western on your right. Turn right on Scott Ave. to find the entrance.

Autocrat: Lady Ceara McCain (Kerri Howlett) #5 CR 3526, Aztec NM, 87415, 505-326-5407 evenings or 505-326-0190 days. e-mail kerri@advantas.net
Co-Autocrat: Lady Kristen Faye MacRae (Chris Crawford) 505-324-9440

Company of St Martins Fundraiser Tournament

Barony of al-Barran
November 15th, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Bataan Park, on the corner of Lomas and Amherst,
Albuquerque, NM
Site Opens at 10 AM

Banners fly high! The sound of combat fills the air. Come and display your chivalry and honour for the ladies. Enjoy a wonderful day of tournament combat with the Company of St. Martin as we host our fourth annual fund raising tournament at Bataan Park (the new fighter practice park) in al-Barran, on Saturday November 15th starting at 10:00 in the morning.

The tournament will be held in the style of a late fifteenth century Pas de Arms. There will be prizes many and varied to be handed out by the Knights and Ladies of the Company to those gentles who fight honorably and well. There will be two types of bouts offered, the first to three solid blows and the second for a set period of time. (or until one of the competitors yields!)

Bring greatsword, shield, sword, mace and axe. Vary styles throughout the day and inspire those who gaze upon the field at acts of honour, grace, courtesy, and skill.

For further information please contact Duke Artan at (505) 256-4568.

Al-Barran Toys for Tots

Barony of al-Barran
Sunday November 23, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Bataan Park, on the corner of Lomas and Amherst,
Albuquerque, NM
Site Opens at 10 AM and closes at dusk
The event is free!
The site is dry.

Greetings, good gentles:

The season is upon us, it is time for us bring joy into children's hearts. It's time for us to collect toys for the underprivileged children of these lands! It's time for Toys for Tots!

Once again, the barony of al-Barran will be presenting this event in conjunction with the Marine Corp Reserve's Toys for Tots campaign. Last year, we collected over 1,000 toys. This year, lets double or triple that amount. We have the manpower to do it - we are, after all, the mightiest barony in the kingdom. Let's show all the other baronies, and shires, how mighty we are!

Once again we will have the heavy weapons **Children's Champion** and rapier **Defender of the Children** tournaments at the event. Test your mettle and fight to become this year's champion! Fighter's please don't forget to bring your toy so that you may enter into your chosen tournament.

A main course for a potluck lunch will be prepared by Lady Ahzlinn, but please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to supplement the main course for the potluck lunch.

For the children, we will have a **Children's Quest.**

The Toy Maker Competition! For this year's event we're not just going to collect toys, we're going to make them! There will be separate competitions for children and adults; the populous will decide on the best toys. Make a pint size trebuchet. Make period-style doll garb. Or create something totally unexpected. The rules are that it must be in a period style, (although not necessarily a toy found in period) it must be recognizable as a toy, and it must be appropriate for children. Use your imagination - it' will help you win the competition.

And did I mention toys? Once again, we are going to have a toy collection competition. The household (or group) that brings in the most toys, and the individual who brings in the most toys will win prizes!

Directions to the site: Take your best route to the intersection of I-25 and I-40 in Albuquerque. Go east of the intersection to the Carlisle exit, which is the first exit. Go south of Carlisle to the fourth stoplight, which is Lomas Blvd. Turn right (west) on Lomas, going just past the Walgreen's drugstore. Immediately after Walgreen's you will see Bataan park, which is on Amherst and Lomas Blvd.

Help bring a smile to a child's face on Christmas day. Start planning your collection today - talk to your employers about putting out a box or two. Please contact me if you need any help.

In Service,

Ld. Cristóbal Vasquez de Narriahondo
Autocrat, al-Barran Toys for Toys
1309 Canyon Trail SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121. Ph # (505) 839-7302. E-mail: abqbobcat@aol.com.

Al-Barran Midwinter

Barony of al-Barran
December 13-14, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Feast Site Opens 11:30 am Dec 13; Closes 11:45 pm Dec 13

Once again, the Barony of al-Barran is proud to host its traditional Midwinter feast at the historic Leon Harm's Youth Hall. This year's theme is based upon the opulent meeting near Calais between King François I of France and King Henry VIII of England. In 1520, these two kings met at the Field of Cloth of Gold and sought to outshine each other with their wealth and magnificence. There, the scene was filled with rich clothing, richer food and the presence of anyone who was or wanted to be anyone.

Entertainers of the finest caliber are invited to contact Monica, our Entertainment coordinator to propose their performances. Monica can be reached at (505) 243-1569, interested gentles are encouraged to contact her prior to October 20, 2003. There will be rewards for those gentles who reflect the opulence of the time in their dress as well as the group with the most elegant table. Other contests and games will occur throughout the weekend including a trivia contest on the Field of Gold.

The feast will be prepared by Lord Vladimir and the current menu is listed herein, however the cook reserves the right to substitute as necessary and will have a list of ingredients the day of the feast.

MENU

1st Remove
Hedgehogs of Pate

Crepes Duxelle Towers
(Crepes with a paste of mushrooms)
Bread
Fruit

2nd Remove
Pearl Soup (White Bean Soup in Ham Broth)
Scorpion Rolls

3rd Remove
"Roast Pigs" with stuffing
Forest Verdant (Broccoli & Asparagus)

4th Remove
Nymphs in Grass (herb salad & frog legs)
Golden Crowns (eggs in hollandaise)
Snow Balls (flavored rice)

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5th Remove
Steak and Kidney Pies
Cabbage stuffed with Rice

Desserts
will be presented by Lady Gytha and Mistress Monica, and will include a variety of sweets sure to please any diner. Gentles wishing to assist in either effort are encouraged to contact the coordinators.

Those with questions or wishing to volunteer, please contact Safwah (sabia) at 896-3333 or ldysabia@aol.com.
Reservations will be accepted starting October 25, 2003 by Lady Skameika Draikova (Skia)/Heather Whitesides at eclecticaarts@yahoo.com or (505) 344-0094. REMEMBER, the only guaranteed reservation is a paid reservation.
Crash space is being coordinated by Triaria d'Orleans (Terry Hansen) 891-3821 or wannagame@aol.com
No outside Alcohol permitted per New Mexico State Fair Ground rules.

Midwinter Fees

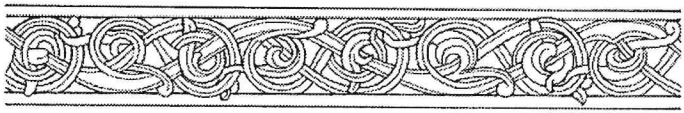
Type	Feast & Site	Site Only	Non Member Surcharge
Adult (age 12+)	$15.00	$8.00	+ $3.00
Youth (age 3-11)	$7.00	$4.00	Free **
Child (age 2 & under)	Free***	Free***	

* Site without feast includes dessert
**The non-member surcharge does not apply to those children being discounted.
***Please make a reservation to hold a seat for children age 2 and under
There are No fees for the Sunday War Practice
Make checks payable to: 'SCA - al-Barran'
and mail to: Barony of al-Barran, PO Box 27676, Albuquerque, NM 87125

Directions: From I-40 take the San Mateo Exit and travel South. After several city blocks there will be a light at Lomas, turn left (East) onto Lomas going East. The next light is San Pedro, turn Right (South) on San Pedro. Look for Gate 4, just south of the light at Central. Enter Gate 4. Tell the people at the parking gate that you are with the SCA and follow the signs to the Youth Hall.

Sunday War Practice

Will be at Bataan Park on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. There are no site fees for Sunday War Practice. More details coming soon. All warriors are called to arms! All those who support the armies with water bearing and marshaling are also called to attend.



Costuming for a French Midwinter

This year Midwinter will be set in France 1520 to 1550 in the court of Francis I. In 1520, Francis met his great rival King Henry VIII of England, on the famous "Field of the Cloth of Gold" hoping to engage England's support in a war against Holy Roman Emperor Charles V. Both kings brought large retinues, and the name given the meeting place reflects the unequal splendor and excess of the pageantry.

French court costume in this period experienced two broad changes, the first from the simpler, still mediaeval, long lines of the previous reign. Becoming what we often refer to as early Tudor, very similar to court fashions in the England of Henry VIII. Lastly, the beginning of the costume period we know as Elizabethan. Unless you have access to very good libraries you will find more on English costume than French, Most of the difference is in hats (French ladies wore a French hood, English women the Gabled headdress) and Fabrics, the French seem to prefer brighter colors and busier brocades.

Fabrics throughout the period are heavy (think upholstery weight), with fur and metal trimmings being very popular. Early; lots velvets and heavy wool fabric in dark colors. As the period continues, brocades are seen more often and become more complex with the colors brighter. Many layers were worn and as you research keep in mind that every change of fabric denotes another garment layer. In the beginning of the period the line is natural form with heavy draperies falling to the floor, with the silhouette stiffening and becoming broader for the men and more artificial for the women. Earliest clothing cuts were simple with slashing, padding, and surface decoration coming later and increasing through the period.

Men wore a shirt under all, early the neckline was broad, and drew closed like a woman's chemise, becoming higher through the period till at last was the "poofy" shirt we all know and love. Doublets began with low square necklines and very long/full skirting, also with the necklines rising through the period. Jerkins (sleeveless doublets were worn, in addition to a skirtless doublet underneath. Gowns (a full overcoat) were worn through the period. Stocks (breeches) were worn under the jerkin/doublet and ended above the knee, with hose (socks) covering the calf. Shoes were soft, heel-less and square at the toe (try a slipper or kung-fu shoe). Hats were like guidos.

Women wore a chemise, one or more petticoats, a corset, later a farthingale (hoopskirt). Kirtles (undergowns) had tight fitting bodices and long sleeves that were narrow early on and became fuller from the elbow down as time progressed, then narrow again at 1550. Gowns (over-gown) also fit tightly in the body with very full skirts. The gown skirt was open in the front from the waist down to reveal the kirtle skirt. Early, sleeves were bell shaped becoming wider as time went on, lastly (just at 1550) the sleeve became just a puff at the shoulder with a tight sleeve below. Women's shoes were like the men's modern china doll slippers will do just fine.

This is a very difficult period in later years if you are not an experienced costumer then keep to the early style, do lots of research and get help from other sewers.

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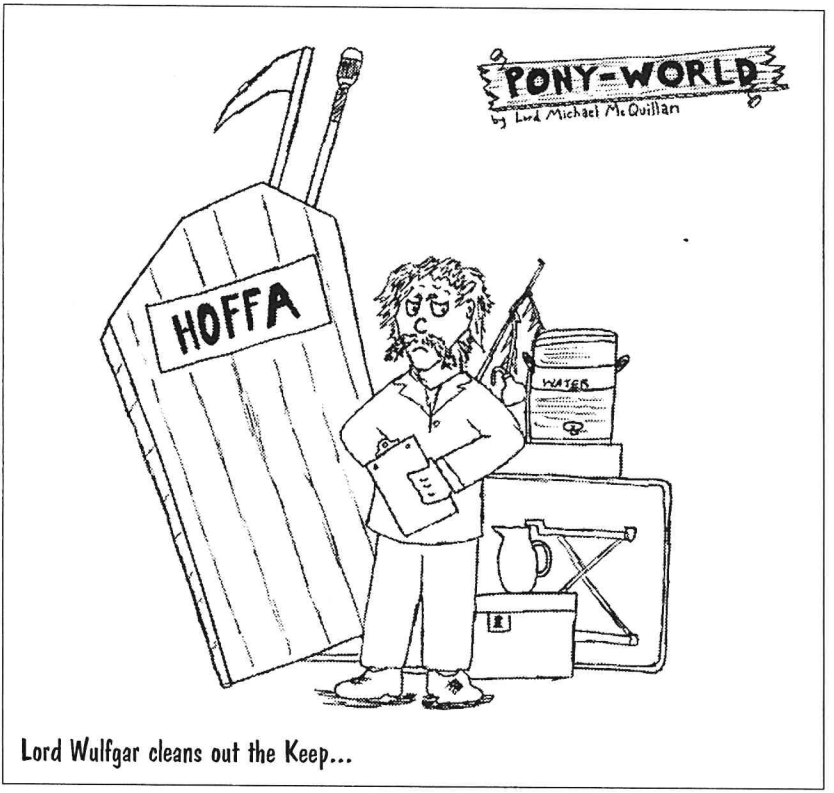

Lord Wulfgar cleans out the Keep...

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Helpful Books:

Elizabethan Costuming by Janet Winter. Pub. Folger Shakespeare Library, © 1991 end of period but invaluable for construction help.

Period Costume for Stage and Screen 1500-1800, by Jean Hunnisett. Pub. Unwin Paperbacks, © 1988

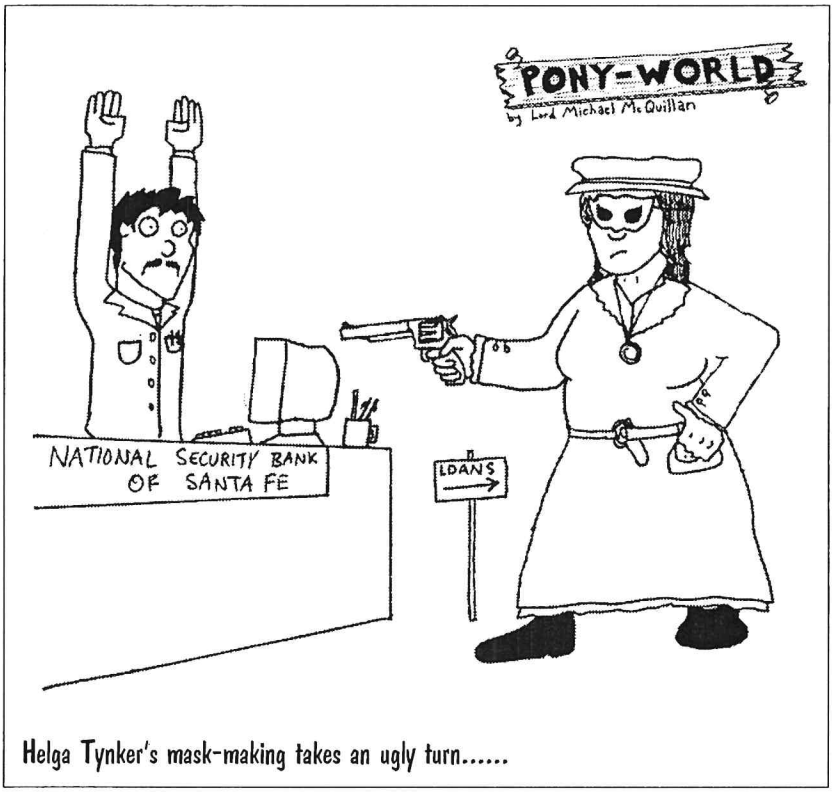
A Visual History of Costume: The 16th Century by Jane Ashelford. Pub Drama Book Publishers, New York, © 1983

Tudor Costume by Herbert Norris. Pub. Dover , © 1997 be careful with this one- written in the last century.

Books on Renaissance Art in England and France, also look for histories of Henry VIII and Francis I, tapestry and woodcut books for early images. Go to the library!

Patterns for this time period are available through:
Period Patterns http://www.mediaevalmisc.com/patterns.htm Patterns 51-53, 56, 58 these should be pretty good bets, I have never used them but many in the SCA swear by them.

Also patterns available in fabric stores such as:
McCalls: Ladies 4090, 4091,419, 4028.



Helga Tynker's mask-making takes an ugly turn.....

Simplicity: Men's Renaissance 5574; Ladies' Renaissance 9929, 5922, 7756, 8725, 8881, 9966.
Butterick: Men's 5656 ; Ladies 6196, 6198.

From what I saw online Simplicity seems somewhat less horrible than Butterick overall, but not all patterns can be viewed online, so check at your local store. Be very careful with these patterns, they have gross inaccuracies, are skimpy in use of fabric, advise using horrid fabrics and should be used for a general shape reference only. Always use a period source and shape the pattern to match! Also remember that all body pieces must be underlined with canvas and should then be fully lined, with corsets for women to get the rigid shape.

Hope Greenberg has a wonderful page of Tudor images for women (with a few men as well) at http://www.uvm.edu/~hag/sca/tudor/index.html
Men (and some women as well) can be found at Lara E. Eakins Tudorhistory. org http://tudorhistory.org/henry8/
http://www.lepg.org/ - an old site with a good overview
http://www.marquise.de/en/1500/index.shtml - costume images
http://costume.dm.net/ - the Elizabethan Costuming page

"Dressing well is half the battle"

Gammer Gurton's Needle

In November, Mistress Mirhaxa will host. We will be re-visit inkle look weaving, card weaving using the inkle loom and basket weaving. If you'd like to learn or just have fun doing these activities, please come. Mistress Mirhaxa's (Linda Peterson's) house is at 1900 Sunshine Terrace SE and phone is 239-3196. Sunshine Terrace is a street that only exists between University and Buena Vista, the first (only) residential street south of the Stadium Complex and north of Gibson. From the freeway either the Gibson or Chavez (was Stadium) exits will work, go east to University, then north from Gibson or south from Chavez. Yale is the main drag on the east side, but it doesn't go through to Yale, you have to turn west from Yale on Kathryn or Anderson and go south on Buena Vista until you come to Sunshine Terrace.

Gammer Gurton's Needle meets Monday evenings at 7pm and we do not meet in garb. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 ladyrosamond@earthlink.net) or the Honorable Lady Delia the Rose of Thorncastle 232-7946 (HLDelia@aol.com)
Website: http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/ .
"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure." From the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575

Court Dancing Article

Court dance practices will be held at fighter practice park (Bataan Park) on Sundays, November 2 & 16, and December 7 & 14 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. The classes are free and everyone, ages 7 and up, is welcome. We have been practicing some new dances and hope you will join us. If you have any questions or wish further information, you can reach me at 293-7453.

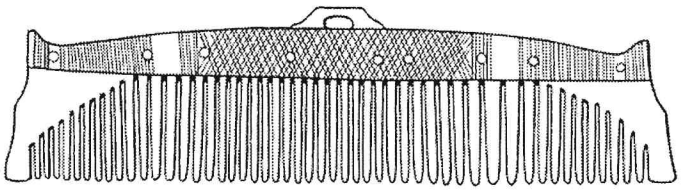
In Service to the Dream,
Lady Barbara

Al-Barran Court Dance Musicians

Want to add to the musical atmosphere at feasts and events? Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court music please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musiciians instead of the cd player at some events. Non-electrified instruments preferred. A compiled sheet music book pdf file can be found at: **http://mywebpages.comcast.net/shiao_mei/crtdance.pdf** - please print this and bring it with you to the meetings.

We will be meeting at the home of Lady Lin Shiao Mei (4517 Sun Valley Drive SW, ABQ), on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, and occasional Sundays at Fighter Practice Park. For more information please contact Lady Lin Shiao Mei at shiao_mei@comcast.net or 934-3952.

Thank you!
Lady Lin Shiao Mei



Regular Activities

Fighter Practice Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice Held every other Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am over the summer at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park*: Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Stjerne 232-0457*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting This is your opportunity to come hang out with heralds - submit your name and/or device, listen to heralds discuss submissions, and maybe even comment on other people's submissions. Absolutely no heraldic experience required. Honest. When and Where: The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia Marie's home, 1223 Fruit St NW. *For directions contact Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn at alia@swcp.com or 244-9525. Please check with Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn as to whether a meeting is happening.*

Court Dance Practice For November and December, court dance practices will be held on Sundays, (November 2 & 16, December 7 & 14), from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at fighter practice park (Bataan Park). Everyone age 7 and up is welcome to these free court dance practices. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453 for further information.*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice Practices will be held from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Thursdays and starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays. The following dates have been set aside for practice in the coming months: November: 1, 15 & 29; December: 6 & 20. *Please contact the Equestrian marshal; Lady Fermina Caballo at 869-9366 or coronet@al-barran.org for directions to the site and any other information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

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